

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 164
By Maddox

A RESOLUTION to observe March 2003 as "National Athletic Training Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should observe March 2003, as "National Athletic Training Month"; and

WHEREAS, drawing upon the knowledge and skills acquired through their nationally regulated educational process, certified athletic trainers provide vital and quality health care for athletes and other individuals involved in physical activity; and

WHEREAS, certified athletic trainers provide services relative to injury prevention, injury recognition and evaluation, immediate care, rehabilitation, health care administration and physical education; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, athletic training received official recognition by the American Medical Association as an allied health care profession; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, more than 20,000 certified athletic trainers are employed in a variety of settings, serving professional sports teams, colleges and universities, high schools, clinics and hospitals and corporations; and

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WHEREAS, leading organizations concerned with athletic training and health care have joined together in a common desire to raise public awareness about the importance of the athletic training profession and to emphasize the importance of quality health care for individuals engaged in vigorous physical activity in hopes of improving health care for athletes and promoting certified athletic training as an allied health profession; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body would be remiss to let pass this golden opportunity to voice our enthusiastic support for the practice and profession of athletic training; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby observe March 2003 as "National Athletic Training Month" in Tennessee in order to publicly highlight the many benefits of professional athletic training.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy